

The Director of Central Intelligence

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The Honorable Frank C. Carlucci
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Frank:

Subsequent to our meeting last Friday, our lawyers met to discuss options for revising Executive Order 12065 to further protect certain technological information. Their efforts have produced language (attached) that appears to offer an appropriate resolution of our previous concerns, and I am now confident that the proposal does not adversely affect the security interests I previously addressed.

I am pleased that an accommodation has been reached on this important issue, and am prepared to support your efforts to amend the order accordingly. If you agree this new proposal is appropriate, we can discuss on Friday my intention to inform David Stockman we have resolved our earlier concerns.

Sincerely,

William J. Casey

Attachment.

Add new Section 6.2(b) to read as follows:

(b) In the interest of the national defense, and notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 1.1(a), 1.1(b), 1.3(b), and 1.5(a)(4), the Secretary of Defense is authorized to classify information the unauthorized disclosure of which reasonably could be expected to be prejudicial to the national security because it would cause the loss to the United States of a military technological or operational advantage. A classification designation at a level lower than as prescribed in Section 1.1 may be applied to such information. The Secretary of Defense shall promulgate regulations that will establish minimum standards for the safeguarding of such information.